

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF SAL HOWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Sal Howard and his service to the City of Buffalo. A dedicated employee with an indefatigable spirit, Sal has worked for the City of Buffalo for 31 years.

Sal began his long career with the City of Buffalo during the tenure of Mayor Jimmy Griffin. Due to the death of his father, Benjamin, Sal left high school to provide for his mother, brother, and sister. Through the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, Sal worked fixing snow plows and lawnmowers to aid his family.

After working for the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, Sal accepted a position with the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter, transporting dogs back and forth to the veterinarian, among other responsibilities. Sal's next step came with a position in the City of Buffalo's Engineering Department. As part of the Clean Sweep initiative, Sal drives trucks to help clean city streets, remove debris, and beautify our neighborhoods.

In addition to his day job, Sal serves as a New York State licensed armed security guard. Sal's work ethic is second to none.

The Howard family has an impressive history of civil service. Sal's father Benjamin was a sanitation engineer for the City, and his mother Columbia worked as a custodian for the Board of Education. His sister Sarah currently is a bus aide for the Board of Education and his brother Bernie worked for the City until his passing.

Sal's dedication to our community extends beyond his job. A devoted Catholic, he is an usher and Eucharistic Minister at St. Columba-Brigid Roman Catholic Church, on the corner of Hickory and Eagle Streets in Buffalo.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to acknowledge Sal's commendable career and service to our community. I am grateful for his good works and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

HONORING JULIAN NABOZNY

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to a Phoenix community leader and businessman, who for 20 years now has given back to his community by providing complimentary breakfasts to thousands of individuals at his McDonald's restaurant on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Julian Nabozny, a native of Argentina whose family moved to Chicago when he was 13, went to high school and college in Illinois

and became a naturalized U.S. citizen. He became a high school teacher, mainly so he could pursue his first love—soccer—but soon learned he could not survive on a coach's salary. When he learned McDonald's was looking for prospective Hispanic owners, he took a shot and worked his way up from three establishments in Chicago to now owning five restaurants in Phoenix.

Since he moved to Phoenix in the early 1990s, Mr. Nabozny has built his restaurants to offer more than just a family experience; they have become local community centers. Besides providing thousands of free breakfasts on Thanksgiving Day, his McDonald's stores have provided free community resources, such as information about health insurance, immigration laws, or free mammograms. He has become a trusted leader whose voice lends help to important causes in the Hispanic community. He was recently honored as the 2012 Man of the Year at "La Noche de Amistad (The Night of Friendship)", an event organized by Phoenix 1190 AM Radio and Mujeres Unicas, a Spanish-language radio program, for donating much of his time and personal finances to help those less fortunate. In 2000, he won the National Restaurant Association's Cornerstone Humanitarian Award.

In addition, Mr. Nabozny has been a member of the McDonald's Board of Directors; president of Chicago McDonald's Hispanic Owners Association; treasurer, vice president, and president of the national McDonald's Hispanic Owners Association; chair of the company's Hispanic Marketing Committee; a leader in McDonald's Hispanic Scholarship Program; and is a member of the company's Arizona Board of Directors. He is also the Arizona/Nevada representative to the McDonald's National Hispanic Board of Directors.

As he has grown his business, Mr. Nabozny has built his restaurants to reflect the diversity of the neighborhoods in which they are located. He features Aztec-inspired artwork and a Talavera mosaic from Puebla, Mexico in his Phoenix restaurants, among other cultural features.

Mr. Nabozny has said that he believes God saved his life three times on separate occasions. Those incidents reinforced his drive to help those who are less fortunate. By providing free Thanksgiving Day breakfasts and other resources to the Phoenix community, he has provided physical nourishment, and in many cases, spiritual nourishment, to thousands of his fellow human beings. I have had a longstanding friendship with Mr. Nabozny and I admire him greatly. Therefore, on the occasion of the 20th year he plans to provide free Thanksgiving breakfasts, and to show him our deep appreciation, I ask my colleagues today to help me pay tribute to my friend and a great community leader, Mr. Julian Nabozny.

HONORING THE CAREER OF RAY LOMAS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about Ray Lomas of Rock Island, Illinois.

Ray Lomas has been helping kids in the Quad-Cities since the 1950s. He coached sports teams, mentored students and athletes, and co-founded the Metropolitan Youth Program in the 1980s. Metro Youth continues to this day to engage students through its step-pers and drill team while providing tutoring and educational programs. A drummer himself, Lomas hosted the drum unit at his house every day, and made sure that they also learned practical skills like paying bills and applying for jobs.

Now 84, Ray Lomas has lived in the Quad-Cities for almost his entire life, and spent 36 years working for Deere & Co. in East Moline. His son Rory Lomas is now retired after serving in the Army for over 24 years.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank Ray Lomas for his years of service to our community and I am very happy that Rock Island celebrated Ray Lomas Day on October 24th.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast a vote on rollcall 586 and 587 on November 15, 2013. I was in Massachusetts to meet with Army Chief of Staff General Ray Odierno at Natick Soldier Systems Center, the only active duty Army installation in New England. Since I encouraged him to come, and helped organize a portion of his visit, I felt it was necessary to be present.

Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted "yes" on the Motion to Recommit (rollcall 586) and "no" on the final passage of H.R. 3350 (rollcall 587).

I would have voted against H.R. 3350 because it would have opened up health insurance plans that do not meet the basic requirements of the Affordable Care Act to new enrollees. I would have voted for the Democratic Motion to Recommit. This motion would have given insurance companies the option to continue offering plans that were in existence as of October 1, 2013 to current enrollees, but would not have opened up these plans that do not meet basic requirements to new consumers.

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